

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION**

**Ashley Cooper, *individually and as  
parent of J.C., a child with a  
disability, et al.,***

**Plaintiffs,**

**Case No. 2:22-cv-2430**

**v.**

**Judge Michael H. Watson**

**Steubenville City School District,  
*et al.,***

**Magistrate Judge Vascura**

**Defendants.**

---

**Steubenville City School District  
Board of Education,**

**Plaintiff,**

**Case No. 2:22-cv-2484**

**v.**

**Judge Michael H. Watson**

**Michelle K McGuire, *et al.,***

**Magistrate Judge Vascura**

**Defendants.**

---

**Steubenville City School District  
Board of Education,**

**Plaintiff,**

**Case No. 2:23-cv-1259**

**v.**

**Judge Michael H. Watson**

**Ashley Cooper,**

**Magistrate Judge Vascura**

**Defendant.**


**ORDER**

In Case Nos. 2:22-cv-1259 and 2:22-cv-2484 (“Cases 1 and 2”), the parties argue that they are, respectively, prevailing parties in an underlying administrative proceeding and, as a result, are entitled to attorney’s fees and costs from the other. See Amend. Compl., ECF No. 12, Case No. 2:22-cv-2430; Compl., ECF No. 1, Case No. 2:22-cv-2484.

In Case No. 2:23-cv-1259 (“Case 3”), the Steubenville City School District Board of Education challenges the merits of that underlying administrative proceeding. Compl., ECF No. 1, Case No. 2:23-cv-1259. It would seem, then, that which party is the “prevailing party” for purposes of Cases 1 and 2 depends on the outcome of Case 3.

Accordingly, the parties in Cases 1 and 2 are **ORDERED** to show cause **WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS** why Cases 1 and 2 should not be stayed pending the outcome of Case 3. In the alternative, if the parties in Cases 1 and 2 agree those cases should be stayed pending the resolution of Case 3, they shall file joint notices to that effect **WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS**.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**MICHAEL H. WATSON, JUDGE**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**